AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A lighting inspection device for carrying out lighting inspection of a display panel, the device comprising:

a circuit board having a driving circuit mounted thereon for lighting [[a]] the display panel; and

a conductive chassis functioning as a ground potential of the driving circuit; and

a conductive member fixed to the chassis for holding wherein the circuit board is fixed to
the conductive chassis via a conductive member, and

wherein, the chassis and the member are connected via wherein a soft metal is disposed at a joint section between the conductive chassis and the conductive member.

- 2. (Currently Amended) The lighting inspection device of Claim 1, wherein the soft metal is formed on at least one of facing surfaces of the <u>conductive</u> member and the <u>conductive</u> chassis.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The lighting inspection device of Claim 2, wherein the soft metal is so formed that <u>a</u>thickness of the soft metal takes is a value not less than a summed value of each <u>a</u> surface roughness of the <u>conductive</u> member and <u>a surface roughness of</u> the <u>conductive</u> chassis.

- **4.** (Currently Amended) The lighting inspection device of Claim 3, wherein each the surface roughness of the conductive member and the surface roughness of the conductive chassis represents a respective average roughness.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The lighting inspection device of Claim 3, wherein each the surface roughness of the conductive member and the surface roughness of the conductive chassis represents a respective maximum height of irregularities.
- 6. (Original) The lighting inspection device of Claim 1, wherein the soft metal contains gold.
- 7. (Original) The lighting inspection device of Claim 1, wherein the soft metal contains silver.
- **8.** (Currently Amended) A method of producing inspecting a display panel including panel, the method comprising:

an inspection step for detecting a defective panel before a driving circuit is mounted on a display panel such that the display panel undergoes lighting inspection with a use of the lighting inspection device described in Claim 1.

9. (Currently Amended) A method of producing inspecting a display panel including panel, the method comprising:

an inspection step for detecting a defective panel before a driving circuit is mounted on a display panel such that the display panel undergoes lighting inspection with a use of the lighting inspection device described in Claim 2.

10. (Currently Amended) A method of producing inspecting a display panel including panel, the method comprising:

an inspection step for detecting a defective panel before a driving circuit is mounted on a display panel such that the display panel undergoes lighting inspection with a use of the lighting inspection device described in Claim 3.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of producing inspecting a display panel including panel, the method comprising:

an inspection step for detecting a defective panel before a driving circuit is mounted on a display panel such that the display panel undergoes lighting inspection with a use of the lighting inspection device described in Claim 4.

12. (Currently Amended) A method of producing inspecting a display panel including panel, the method comprising:

an inspection step for detecting a defective panel before a driving circuit is mounted on a display panel such that the display panel undergoes lighting inspection with a use of the lighting inspection device described in Claim 5.

13. (Currently Amended) A method of producing inspecting a display panel including panel, the method comprising:

an inspection step for detecting a defective panel before a driving circuit is mounted on a display panel such that the display panel undergoes lighting inspection with a use of the lighting inspection device described in Claim 6.

14. (Currently Amended) A method of producing inspecting a display panel including panel, the method comprising:

an inspection step for detecting a defective panel before a driving circuit is mounted on a display panel such that the display panel undergoes lighting inspection with a use of the lighting inspection device described in Claim 7.